



Our Lady of the Black Hills

October 3 & 4, 2009, Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Liturgy and Prayer

Sunday Liturgy: Saturday, 5:00 pm;
Sunday, 9:00 am and 6:00 pm
Daily Liturgy: Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, 8:00 am
Morning Prayer: Following Daily Liturgy
Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation:
Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Taize Prayer: First Sunday, 7:30 pm

Gatherings of Grace

Our parish has an intergenerational model of faith formation called Gatherings of Grace. All generations meet together the second Wednesday of each month, September through May.

Bulletin Announcements

Please email to bulletin@olbh.org by Tuesday noon for the following Sunday bulletin.

Sparks from Father Mark

Last week Fr. Mark wrote about the importance of being life-long learners of the faith, and he mentioned some on-line courses available through Boston College. I have taken several of these courses, so he asked me to share with you how they have enriched my understanding of the faith.

Boston College is a Jesuit College in (guess where) Boston. The C21 (Century 21) Program is part of the School of Theology and Ministry; it is designed to offer low-cost, non-credit on-line courses for spiritual renewal and ongoing faith formation. The courses I have taken have been simply excellent. They are conducted in an easy to follow, on-line "town meeting" format. The participants are from all over the world and all walks of life. The facilitators are helpful and personable, and they challenge you to go beyond your present thinking.

My first and favorite course was *Encountering Mark, Matthew, and Luke, the Synoptic Gospels*, by Fr. Michael Himes and Richard Cunningham. There were video presentations, good study guides, and plenty of opportunities to share our insights with one another and the facilitators. This six-week course took my understanding of the Gospels to a whole new depth. Most importantly we learned about context, the way things were at the time of Christ, which so deepened our understanding of why certain things happened the way they did.

I went on to take some of the C21 mini courses, such as, *The Death of Jesus: Four Gospel Accounts*, and *The Birth of Jesus: Two Gospel Accounts*. These mini courses are great because they are self-paced and free.

Another enriching course was *What Makes us Catholic?* by Thomas H. Groome. This was actually two courses, each four weeks long, based on Groome's book by the same name. The main thing I learned in this series was the importance of continually "mining the treasure" of Scripture and Tradition, always going deeper, learning more, carrying on tradition, yet being open to newness. Thomas Groome is a very colorful writer and teacher; I believe he is from Scotland and has this intriguing accent that makes you want to listen. He is a leader in the reform of Christian education.

This year I plan to take *Sacraments in Catholic Life*, by Dr. Jennifer Bader, which begins in October.

If you are interested in taking any of these courses, simply go to www.bc.edu/sites/c21online. Or you may call the college at 1-800-487-1167 and they will send you a brochure. And of course you may call me at 431-8514 if you have any questions.

If I can do this so can you!
Rose Williamson

Growing and Celebrating through the Teachings of Jesus Christ

This Week at Our Lady of the Black Hills

Monday, October 5

Jonah 1:1-2:1, 11; Psalms 2:2, 3, 4, 5, 8; Luke 10:25-37 (green)

No Daily Liturgy - Clergy Days

Tuesday, October 6

Jonah 3:1-10; Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Luke 10:38-42 (green)

No Daily Liturgy - Clergy Days

7:00 pm: Boy Scouts

7:00 pm: Returning Catholics

Wednesday, October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

Jonah 4:1-11; Psalms 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Luke 11:1-4 (white)

No Daily Liturgy

9:00 am - Noon: Food Pantry

Thursday, October 8

Malachi 3:13-20; Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Luke 11:5-13 (green)

8:00 am: Daily Liturgy (Intention: For strength & healing of Madonna Salomon)

10:00 am: Staff Meeting

Friday, October 9

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Psalms 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Luke 11:15-26 (green)

No Daily Liturgy

8:30 Women's Lumko group

Saturday Morning, October 10

Joel 4:12-21; Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Luke 11:27-28 (green)

No Daily Liturgy

9:00 am - noon: Food Pantry

3:30 - 4:30 pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation

The entire sum of existence is the magic of being needed by just one person.

~ Vi Putnam

We Need Items for Fall Festival

Sunday, November 8th is our Annual Fall Festival. This year we will be making pressed apple cider. We are looking for donations of bottles or jugs (2 liters) and apples from your trees. If you can spare either of these items, please drop them off at the church or call the parish office at 787-5168.

Reflection Questions for Next Sunday

Making God a priority in your life.

Children: How difficult would it be for you to give something you treasure to someone else who needed it more than you do?

Youth: What is your most important possession? How hard would it be for you to give it up?

Adults: How hard is it for you to part with things you treasure? Do your possessions ever stand in the way of having deeper communion with God?

Saturday Evening, October 10

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalms 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 (green)

5:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For Our OLBH Community)

Sunday, October 11

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalms 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 (green)

8:30 am: Middle School Youth Rally - St. Paul's in Belle Fourche

9:00 am: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: In thanksgiving for 50 wonderful years of marriage for Walt & Judy Wilson)

10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Walt & Judy Wilson's 50th Anniversary Party

6:00 pm: Sunday Liturgy (Intention: For healing of Gary Houck)

Intercessory Prayers

Life and Health Concerns:

Eli Amiotte, Joe Creek, Alice Donley, Marty Jolley, Don Konechne, Curt Kisters, Sharon Long, Burton Mariner, Joni Osnes, Mary Pulaski, George Senn, Jerry Silbernagel, Don Snyder, Sharon VenOsdel, Russ Walch and Jim Wranek

Repose:

Fr. Jack Birdsall, Gene Kraft & Don Norman

Collection Report

September 26th & 27th

Loose	\$ 1534.33
Envelopes.....	1350.00
Votive.....	1.05
Student.....	106.39
Mass Intentions.....	20.00
Other	1065.21
Total.....	\$4076.98

Mass Ministry Schedule

Oct. 11 & 12	5:00 pm	9:00 am	6:00 pm
Bread Baker	Betsy Van Asma	Walt & Judy Wilson Reception	
Altar Servers	Jessica Schacher* Chris Van Asma Matthew Van Asma	David Strand* Christian Weaver Nathan Werdel	Need lead server* Max Lyle Taylor Thies
Precious Body	Jim Scherr	Donna Boner	Lorinda Collings
Precious Blood	Beth Anne Ferley Nancy Sass Barb Scherr Tom Van Asma	Christine Didriksen Marty Quinn Caitlin Wilson Judy Wilson	Diane Clarke Brenda Czmowski Curt Lauinger Denise McCormick
Lectors	Cindy Thompson Greg Sass	Bob Weaver Pamela Weaver	Cathleen Denekamp Tom Collings
Sacristans	Linda & Joe Schacher	Marc & Brenda Jacobs	John & Cathy Wang
Ushers	Becky Wentz Ken Wentz	Frank Boner Joan Wilson	Robert Dyczek Kevin Rohrbach
Choir	OLBH Choir	Regina's Minstrels	The Covenant Band

OLBH Parish News

Contemporary Guitarist Needed

The Covenant Band is looking for a guitarist to play at Sunday evening Mass at Our Lady of the Black Hills. This person must be adept at reading contemporary chord changes, rote learning and using a capo. Selection will be made by audition and interview. Interested persons should call the OLBH parish office at 787-5168 and leave their contact information for Lorraine Ptacek.

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion

We will be starting preparation very soon! If you have a child that is in need of these sacraments, please contact the parish office so that we can get your child registered. We will need copies of their Baptism Certificates if they were not baptized at Our Lady of the Black Hills. After registering, you will receive a letter with an attached schedule for the whole year. Please watch the bulletin for further announcements. If you have any question you can contact Aaron and Cathleen Denekamp at 787-6398 or cdenekamp@dsdk12.net.

JustFaith

This past year there were two parishes in our Diocese, Our Lady of the Black Hills and Our Lady of Perpetual Help, that participated in the JustFaith program and seemed to be a positive and challenging experience for the participants and the parishes. I know that St. John the Evangelist in Ft. Pierre and Blessed Sacrament are starting one up this fall. We are looking for 8 - 12 adults who would be willing to be part of another JustFaith group at OLBH this coming year. If you are interested please give Fr. Mark a call or Kathy Larsen. **What is JustFaith?** JustFaith is a conversion-based process that seeks to provide a context in which participants can grow in their commitment to care for the vulnerable and to become advocates for justice. JustFaith is an extended justice education process that meets weekly employing books, videos, guest speakers, discussion, prayer, retreats and hands-on experiences. Participants are also afforded the privilege of becoming community with other participants and sharing a journey of faith and compassion that is both life-giving and challenging.

Catholics Returning Home

A six-week series entitled "Catholics Returning Home" will be offered at Blessed Sacrament Church, 4500 Jackson Blvd., Rapid City beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 6, 2009. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us. For more information, call Greg Sass at 348-2213 or Betsy at OLBH, 787-5168.

Middle School Rally

Register now for discount!

October 11, Belle Fourche. Cost: \$25 before September 25th, \$ 35 after. Chaperone fee: \$15. For grades 5-8. Mass with Bishop Cupich. Keynote speaker: Ennie Hickman, MC: Angel Dean, Music :Luminous, Special guests: Sisters and Seminarians. Mass and Adoration, Two Meals, T-shirt, Games and More! Contact Person: Teresa Thompson, 787-5168.

OVERNIGHT NET Retreat

National Evangelization Team (NET)

The Rapid City area parishes, along with Our Lady of the Black Hills are working together to host a NET Retreat for the High School Youth

Location: Blessed Sacrament Church

Starts: 1pm Saturday, October 17, 2009

Concludes: 11am Sunday, October 18, 2009

- Open to 9-12 grade students
- Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and snacks are provided
- Space is limited to the first 80 registered participants
- REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 11, 2009
- Suggested donation: \$15
- Contact: Teresa Thompson, 787-5168

Right of Christian Initiation for Adults

On Sunday, October 18, there will be an orientation class for RCIA. We welcome non-Catholics and Catholics to this first meeting to contemplate whether they are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Community of Faith or learning more about the Catholic faith. The Gathering will take place in the RCIA classroom in the basement at 10:30 to Noon.

Join us to Celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary!



Walt & Judy Wilson are celebrating 50 years together!

*Join us Sunday, October 11 at
Our Lady of the Black Hills (Exit 48, I-90)*

9:00am Mass

10:30am - 1:00pm Open House

Please no gifts . . . prize for the funniest card, though!

Diocesan News

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rapid City Catholic School System has an immediate opening for a custodian/child guard position. 25-30 hour per week position assisting with custodial and some child guard needs. Please send a letter of interest with a completed non-certified application available for downloading and printing at:

[http://rccss.net/Employment-](http://rccss.net/Employment-Opportunities.aspx?PN=EMPLOYMENT_OPPORTUNITIES)

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to: Keiz Shultz, Principal

RCCSS

431 Oakland St

Rapid City SD 57701

(605) 348-1477

What message does an inmate want to hear?

If we had to list just ONE thing that makes jail ministry a meaningful way to reach out, it would be that the people who attend these programs want to be there. The opportunity to attend is a choice and an earned privilege. For some, this choice means being outcast by other inmates. Certainly the path to follow Christ presents unique challenges if you find yourself "behind bars." Just what are these men and women hoping to hear? One message, in particular, is sure to bring light to an inmate's eyes... Imagine for a moment that Jesus sits among us in the circle with these folks. He says, "Let me show you how important each soul is to Me. Think of Me in My humanity—I know firsthand the pull of temptation, suffering, and anguish. Now let's say that Satan offered Me every soul on earth, but one. I could escape the cross by stepping away from the chance to save this one soul—even though this one might reject Me and be lost anyway. Would I be tempted? Consider that this one soul was yours. What do you think I would say? I assure you, I said NO. My suffering was for YOU." Interesting, it's the same message you and I yearn to hear! Christ's endless mercy may be beyond our understanding, but its evidence knows no bounds, not even the walls of a jail cell. To learn more about Hope For New Life Jail Ministry, contact Tony Galles (348-2301) or Mary Sperlich (342-9343).

Women of Faith

Help prepare and pray a "Rosary for Priests" on October 7, 9:00 - 11:00 am in the Cathedral's hall (below the church) while priests are at Clergy Days. This meditation will be shared with our priests via email as we continue to recognize priests during "Year of the Priest." This day, October 7, 2009, is also the Feast day for Our Lady of the Rosary. Fr. Tyler Dennis will be with us on the 14th. Come join women of the Black Hills area each (or any) Wednesday as we learn more about each other and our priests. Questions? Contact Carol at 716-4479.

Holy Elders

The October meeting of the Holy Elders will be on the second Thursday, October 8th, starting with Mass at 12:10 PM, followed by a pot luck lunch. The director of the Boys Club will be our speaker explaining the various programs of the club. After his report we will play our games. All are asked to bring a dish to share. Come and bring a friend, visitors are welcome.

VOCATION WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN

Interested in finding the love of your life? God has a plan and a vocation – a love – in mind for you. Join us October 9-11 for a Vocation Weekend for Young Women. For young women ages 16-30. This weekend will be a great opportunity to spend time with consecrated women and priests and learn more about discernment and vocations. At St. Joseph's Newman Center, Spearfish – meet at St. Joseph's Church, 844 Fifth St., Spearfish, SD 57783. Retreat begins at 7 PM on Friday, October 9, and ends the morning of Sunday, October 11. Cost is \$15. Contact Susan Safford, Coordinator of Vocations, Diocese of Rapid City, at 605-343-3541, or ssafford@diorc.org for more information. Registration forms available at www.Gods-call.org.

The 2009 Diocesan Women's Retreat, October 23-25, at Outlaw Ranch - Custer

As believers, we are challenged to discover the God-given dignity and vocation of women. Join Fr. Mark McCormick for this year's retreat, "BIBLICAL WOMEN - GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD", as he guides us through this journey and we become our own guides to the Kingdom of God. Pre-registration required! Registration Fee: \$100. **Registration Deadline: Friday, October 16th!** For more information, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries, 605-343-3541.

First Ever Winefest

An evening of fellowship and fundraising to benefit the Rapid City Catholic School System. Saturday, October 24, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More High School in Rapid City. Sample at least 15 different wines, ranging from the everyday to the extravagant. The sampled wines can be purchased at the event at a discounted rate. Food provided by Sonrise Meats, On The Border, Sanford's Pub & Grub, and Tastefully Simple. Live music by Kenny Putnam and Boyd Bristow. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased by calling Rich Raposa at 391-2110. A limited number of tickets are available.

Christian Family Planning Seminar

Saturday, October 24 at St. John's, Ft. Pierre, will be offered by the Natural Family Planning Ministry. ***This seminar is a requirement for engaged couples getting married in the Diocese of Rapid City.*** Married couples, or anyone who wants to learn more about Natural Family Planning, are encouraged to attend. For more information, or to register, call Jill or Kathy at Family Life Ministries at 605.343.3541.

All in God's Plan

Mother-Daughter/ Father-Son Program, Wednesday, October 28, 5:30 – 8:30 pm.

MOMS & GIRLS – grades 5-8 at Blessed Sacrament

DADS & BOYS – grades 7-8 at the Cathedral

Please take this opportunity to share some bonding moments with your child and experience fellowship with other parents and children. Dinner will be provided; beginning at 5:30 pm. Registration deadline is October 25, 2009. The fee is \$15.00 per student (which includes take-home materials). Make checks payable to RCCSS. Complete the registration form below and mail it together with the fee to: RCCSS Attn: Susan at St. Elizabeth Seton 431 Oakland Street, Rapid City, SD 57701. Or you may drop off the registration form at the office at either school.

Diocesan News Continued...

Unplanned pregnancy is a difficult and emotional time. A birth mother cares deeply for her child and wants the child to have a home with stability and love. She is searching for what is best for her baby and herself when she takes the courageous step to contact Catholic Social Services (CSS). At CSS, we help. We provide counseling at no cost to those facing an unplanned pregnancy. A professional counselor meets one-on-one to assist with decision-making, parenting resources and, if requested, adoption services. If you or someone you know could benefit from these services, please contact Catholic Social Services, 918 5th St, Rapid City, SD 57701. 605-348-6086, 1-800-727-2401 or css@rapidnet.com. Together, we can share the light of Christ to those facing life changing decisions. We thank you for your continued prayer that allows CSS to provide crisis pregnancy and adoptions services to those in need.

Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship

Workshop presented by Michael McMahon, President of National Pastoral Musicians Association. The USCCB's Document on Music in Catholic Worship - "Explore this important document on liturgical music from the USCCB with attention to its implications for priests, parish liturgy, the assembled community, and the various types of music ministers." The workshop will be November 6th at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (520 Cathedral Drive, Rapid City, SD 57701) in the Large Meeting Room. No registration fee and lunch provided. Call to register with Fr. Michel Mulloy 605-342-0507, or email him at Michel@cathedralolph.org.

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary – October 7th Activities

- Pray the rosary, or 5 decades of the rosary tonight with your family. Continue this practice through October, the month that is especially dedicated to the Rosary.
- Read the encyclicals on the rosary, and the latest apostolic letter.
- Learn the Luminous Mysteries.

For families with younger children, it helps to have visual aids for the mysteries. Have a picture to flip at the beginning of each decade for the family rosary. See the Activities Bar for ideas.

- Learn how to make rosaries, cord and/or wire for missions.
- Learn about the great victory of Our Lady at the Battle of Lepanto. You can also read more about Pope St. Pius V, who instituted the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.
- Read Cardinal Angelo Sodano's homily at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary.



A Message from the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission

"Every child, at every age of development, brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment."

USCCB, "*Every Child Brings Us God's Smile*", Flyer for 2009-2010 Respect Life Program. www.usccb.org

The Diocesan Pro-Life Commission requests prayers for all unborn babies in danger of abortion. A sample prayer entitled **Spiritual Adoption Prayer** is as follows: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, with love for you I ask your intercession to protect the life of unborn children. May they all come to birth healthy and be a source of joy to their parents. For those in danger because of abortion, I adopt them as my own and pray for them and their mothers."

(From the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission)

For the Ride Home

By Ted Bergh

Scripture

- ❖ This is why man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two become one flesh. (Genesis 2:24)
- ❖ The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. (Psalm 128:5)
- ❖ He who consecrates and those who are consecrated have one origin. (Hebrews 2:11)
- ❖ For this reason a man shall leave his mother and father and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. (Mark 10:7)

Reflection

- ❖ How would you improve relations with one person who you love?
- ❖ How could that other person improve your relationship?
- ❖ What could you do today help one person that you love be closer to you?
- ❖ How is your God like or different from those that you love and who love you?

Touch me with that hand, seek me with those eyes, run toward me with those limbs. I am not far from you; I am the God who is near, the word in your mouth and in your heart. And what is nearer to any man than his heart? It is there, entirely within, that I am found by all who seek me. For that which is outside concerns sight alone. My works are real but they are only fragile, transient things; whereas I, their creator, dwell in the depths of the pure in heart. (Anonymous – Thirteenth Century)